

SECTION 9.3

WILDFIRES

(Updated Methodology January 27, 1994)

EMISSION INVENTORY SOURCE CATEGORY

Natural (Non-Anthropogenic) Sources / Wildfires

EMISSION INVENTORY CODES (CES CODES) AND DESCRIPTION

930-930-0200-0000 (47308) Wildfire - Grass and Woodland

930-932-0200-0000 (47316) Wildfires - Timber and Brush

METHODS AND SOURCES

Emissions reported in these categories result from wildfires in grass, woodland, timber and brush. EIC 930-930-0200-0000 covers grass, woodland, agricultural products and non-forest fires. EIC 930-932-0200-0000 covers brush, timber, non-commercial timber and commercial timber fires.

Wildfire protection in California is provided by the California Department of Forestry (CDF), the United States Forest Service (USFS), and local agencies. The CDF and USFS each report annually the acreage burned in wildfires on the protected lands. Local agencies do not keep data on wildfires in their jurisdictions. However, based on the 1986 CDF map,¹ ARB determined that most of the locally protected land is in the Central Valley, the Southeast Desert, and metropolitan areas where wildfires are less prevalent. The CDF report² divides the number of acres burned in each county into five categories: timber, woodland, grass, brush and agricultural products. For purposes of estimating emissions, agricultural products are assumed to be grasses. The acres burned reported by CDF were divided between air basins according to the portion of CDF-protected forest in each air basin, as determined by ARB staff using the CDF map. The percentages used to apportion CDF acreage to different air basins are shown below.

<u>County</u>	<u>% Air Basin</u>	<u>% Air Basin</u>	<u>% Air Basin</u>
El Dorado	LT - 0	MC - 100	
Kern	SED - 0	SJV - 100	
Los Angeles	SC - 100	SED - 0	
Placer	LT - 0	MC - 45	SV - 55
Riverside	SC - 23	SED - 77	
Shasta	SV - 100		
Solano	SF - 45	SV - 55	
Sonoma	NC - 64	SF - 36	

The USFS report³ provides the number of acres burned in each national forest. For 1991 all fires from the following national forests: Angeles, Cleveland, Mendocino, Los Padres, Sequoia and San Bernardino are assumed to be brush fires. All fires from the rest of the natural forests in California are assumed to be timber fires.⁴ The acreage burned in each national forest was allocated to the counties according to the percentage of the national forest area in each county/air basin determined by the National Forest Areas Report provided by the USFS.⁵

The CDF estimates fuel loading to be 2 tons/acre for grass and woodland and 15 tons/acre for timber and brush. These factors represent the amount of material expected to burn per acre, not necessarily the total vegetation per acre. Mature trees are not expected to be totally consumed in a fire, while small brush is, especially manzanita with its high oil content. In woodland areas, it is assumed that grass and fallen logs are the only materials burned. To determine emissions factors in lbs/acre, AP-42⁶ emission factors in lb/ton for grass and woodland and Geomet⁸ emission factors for timber and brush in lb/ton are converted using the fuel loading factors.

Emission Factors For Wildfires

	Grass & Woodland 2 tons/acre <u>(lb/ton) (lb/acre)</u>		Timber & Brush 15 tons/acre <u>(lb/ton) (lb/acre)</u>	
CO	101	202	260	3900
NOX	0	0	4	60
TOG	19	38	25	375
TSP	16	32	42	630

TEMPORAL INFORMATION

The annual activity is greatest from late spring to late fall. The weekly and daily activities are to be assumed nearly uniform.

ASSUMPTIONS

1. All acres burned in wildfires are reported by CDF or USFS, and there is no double counting.
2. Wildfires in areas under local jurisdictions are negligible and therefore not included in the emission estimates.
3. The fuel loading factors provided by CDF accurately represent the average loadings.
4. USFS data on acres burned can be divided into county/air basin based on percentage of national forest within each county/air basin determined from a 1986 CDF map and information from USFS. Likewise, CDF data can be divided into air basins based on percentage of CDF-protected forest determined from the same 1986 CDF map.
5. Wildfires occur predominately during relatively dry seasons, that is, from late spring to late fall.

RELIABILITY FACTOR

Not determined at this time.

CHANGES IN METHODOLOGY

No change in methodology

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN 1989 AND 1991 EMISSION ESTIMATES

The differences between the 1989 and 1991 estimates are due to the difference in wildfire size and location.

RECOMMENDATIONS

New emission factor data for prescribed fires and wildfires have been developed by the Fire and Environmental Research Applications Group. This data has been sent to EPA (Research Triangle Park) to be used in updating AP-42. These new emission factors represent the best available monitoring techniques used during actual wildfires.⁷ The GIS modeling confirms the accuracy of the new emission factors and it is recommended that ARB uses these new numbers for Grass and Woodland emissions. It is also recommended that further data be incorporated representing the actual type of timber in the National Forests in California (i.e. douglas fir,

hardwoods, ponderosa or mixed conifer). This could improve the fuel loading factors which would increase the accuracy of the Timber and Brush category.

Geomet ⁸ gives the following range in emission factors in lb/ton for forest fires: CO, 20-500; NOx, 2-6; TOG, 10-40; TSP, 17-67. The average of the high and low values were used to calculate emissions for timber and brush.

Although the emission factors used in this estimate are based on tests performed under laboratory or simulated conditions, at this time, it is best to be consistent in using the same emission factors used in the previous methodology for the 1991 revision and use the new AP-42 methodology when it is released by the EPA.

SAMPLE CALCULATIONS

For example, to calculate the emissions from wildfires in San Diego County, begin with the number of acres reported by CDF as shown below:

- 1) Acres reported burned by CDF for San Diego County:

	<u>Woodland</u>	<u>Grass</u>	<u>Agricultural</u>	<u>Timber</u>	<u>Brush</u>
Acres:	25	763	4	1	1440

- 2) Then calculate the emissions from the Cleveland National Forest using the percentage of the forest within San Diego Co. and the number of acres burned in the Cleveland Forest (Table 1 provides data).

<u>National Forest</u>	<u>% of Forest in San Diego Co.</u>		<u>Acres Burned in Forest</u>		<u>Acres Burned in San Diego Co.</u>
Cleveland	68 %	x	39.0	=	26.52 acres

- 3) Add both San Diego Co. CDF acres and the Cleveland Nat. Forest acres.

For EIC 930-930-0200-0000 (CES 47308) Grass and Woodland, including Agriculture

$$\text{Total Acres Burned } 763 + 25 + 4 = 792 \text{ acres}$$

For EIC 930-932-0200-0000 (CES 47316) Brush and Timber*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total Acres Burned} &= 1440 + 1 + 26.52 = 1467.5 \text{ acres} \\ &(\text{CDF} + \text{USFS} = \text{total acres in San Diego}) \end{aligned}$$

* USFS has assumed that all USFS fires are either brush or timber fueled fires and should be counted under EIC 930-932-0200-0000 (CES 47316)

$$\text{EMISSIONS} = (\text{Total Acres Burned}) \times (\text{Emission Factor}) / 2000 \text{ lb/ton}$$

<u>Type</u>	<u>Acres Burned</u>	<u>Emission Factor (lb/Acre)</u>				<u>Emissions (tons/year)</u>			
		<u>CO</u>	<u>NOX</u>	<u>TOG</u>	<u>PM</u>	<u>CO</u>	<u>NOX</u>	<u>TOG</u>	<u>PM</u>
Grass and Woodland	792	202	0	38	32	79.9	0	15.0	12.7
Timber/Brush	1467.5	3900	60	375	630	2830.1	44.1	275.1	462.2

Table - I

Fires Reported in National Forests in California
Apportioned by County

<u>National Forest</u>	<u>Total Acres Burned in Forest</u>	<u>% of Forest In each County**</u>	<u>Acres Burned in ea. Co.</u>
Angeles	336	100% in Los Angeles	336.0
Cleveland	39	68% in San Diego	26.52
		13% in Orange	5.07
		19% in Riverside	7.41
El Dorado	221	73% in El Dorado	161.33
		12% in Amador	26.52
		8% in Alpine	17.68
		7% in Placer	15.47
Inyo	58	44% in Mono	25.52
		43% in Inyo	24.94
		10% in Tulare	5.8
		3% in Madera	1.74
Klamath	467	100% in Siskiyou	467.0
Lake Tahoe Basin	7	100% in El Dorado	7.0
Lassen	26	40% in Lassen	10.4
		23% in Shasta	5.98
		18% in Tehama	4.68
		14% in Plumas	3.64
		5% in Butte	1.34
Los Padres	1990	36% in Santa Barbara	716.4
		30% in Ventura	597.0
		18% in Monterey	358.2
		11% in San Luis Obispo	218.9
		4% in Kern (SVJ)	79.6
		1% in Los Angeles	19.9

** Data from the National Forest Areas Report

Table - I (Continued)

Fires Reported in National Forests in California
Apportioned by County

<u>National Forest</u>	<u>Total Acres Burned in Forest</u>	<u>% of Forest In each County**</u>	<u>Acres Burned in ea. Co.</u>
Mendocino	526	29% in Lake 21% in Glenn 20% in Mendocino 14% in Tehama 9% in Trinity 7% in Colusa	152.5 110.5 105.2 73.6 47.3 36.8
Modoc	418	83% in Modoc 9% in Lassen 8% in Siskiyou	346.9 37.6 33.4
Plumas	363	75% in Plumas 20% in Sierra 5% in Butte	272.25 72.6 18.15
Rouge River	-0-	100% in Siskiyou	-0-
San Bernardino	2334	70% in San Bernardino 30% in Riverside	1633.8 700.2
Sequoia	220	62% in Tulare 26% in Kern 12% in Fresno	136.4 57.2 26.4
Shasta-Trinity	2765	53% in Trinity 23% in Shasta 21% in Siskiyou 3% in Tehama	1465.45 635.95 580.65 82.95
Sierra	75	66% in Fresno 27% in Madera 7% in Mariposa	49.5 20.25 5.25
Siskiyou	-0-	100% in Del Norte	-0-

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<u>National Forest</u>	<u>Total Acres Burned in Forest</u>	<u>% of Forest In each County**</u>	<u>Acres Burned in ea. Co.</u>
Six Rivers	114	42% in Del Norte 34% in Humboldt 23% in Trinity 1% in Siskiyou	47.88 38.76 26.22 1.14
Stanislaus	151	68% in Tuolumne 13% in Alpine 9% in Mariposa 9% in Calaveras	102.68 19.63 13.59 13.59
Tahoe	29	43% in Placer 33% in Sierra 20% in Nevada 2% in Sierra 1% in El Dorado	12.47 9.57 5.8 0.58 0.00

** Data from the National Forest Areas Report

ADDITIONAL CODES

SOURCE CATEGORY GROWTH AND CONTROL CODES

47308 Growth = 921 Control = 902

47316 Growth = 922 Control = 902

SOURCE CATEGORY CODE POLLUTANT SPECIATION PROFILES

VOC Speciation Profile Code: 307

Particulate Speciation Profile Code: 307

SOURCE CATEGORY CODE REACTIVITY FACTORS

Not Available

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Table II
1991 Area Source Emissions
Activity: Unspecified Activities
Process: Wild Fires
Entrainment: Solid Material Combustion
Dimn: Grass & Woodland
CES: 47308
Process Rate Unit: Acres

AB	County	Process Rate	TOG Emis. (Tons / Year)	CO Emis. (Tons / Year)	NOX Emis. (Tons / Year)	SOX Emis. (Tons / Year)	PM Emis. (Tons / Year)
GBV	ALPINE	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	INYO	7	0.13	0.71	0.00	0.00	0.11
	MONO	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LC	LAKE	353	6.71	35.65	0.00	0.00	5.65
LT	EL DORADO	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	PLACER	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MC	AMADOR	467	8.87	47.17	0.00	0.00	7.47
	CALAVERAS	231	4.39	23.33	0.00	0.00	3.70
	EL DORADO	780	14.82	78.78	0.00	0.00	12.48
	MARIPOSA	24	0.46	2.42	0.00	0.00	0.38
	NEVADA	234	4.45	23.63	0.00	0.00	3.74
	PLACER	234	4.45	23.63	0.00	0.00	3.74
	PLUMAS	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	SIERRA	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TUOLUMNE	62	1.18	6.26	0.00	0.00	0.99
	DEL NORTE	5	0.10	0.51	0.00	0.00	0.08
NC	HUMBOLDT	347	6.59	35.05	0.00	0.00	5.55
	MENDOCINO	567	10.77	57.27	0.00	0.00	9.07
	SONOMA	983	18.68	99.28	0.00	0.00	15.73
	TRINITY	3	0.06	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.05
NCC	MONTEREY	104	1.98	10.50	0.00	0.00	1.66
	SAN BENITO	12	0.23	1.21	0.00	0.00	0.19
	SANTA CRUZ	20	0.38	2.02	0.00	0.00	0.32
NEP	LASSEN	51	0.97	5.15	0.00	0.00	0.82
	MODOC	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	SISKIYOU	136	2.58	13.74	0.00	0.00	2.18
SC	LOS ANGELES	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	ORANGE	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	RIVERSIDE	365	6.94	36.87	0.00	0.00	5.84
SCC	SAN BERNARDINO	28	0.53	2.83	0.00	0.00	0.45
	SAN LUIS OBISPO	106	2.01	10.71	0.00	0.00	1.70
	SANTA BARBARA	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	VENTURA	146	2.77	14.70	0.00	0.00	2.34
SD	SAN DIEGO	792	15.05	79.99	0.00	0.00	12.67
SED	IMPERIAL	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	KERN	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	LOS ANGELES	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	RIVERSIDE	172	3.27	17.37	0.00	0.00	2.75
SF	SAN BERNARDINO	88	1.67	8.89	0.00	0.00	1.41
	ALAMEDA	317	6.02	32.02	0.00	0.00	5.07
	CONTRA COSTA	272	5.17	27.47	0.00	0.00	4.35
	MARIN	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	NAPA	54	1.03	5.45	0.00	0.00	0.86
	SAN FRANCISCO	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	SAN MATEO	757	14.38	76.46	0.00	0.00	12.11
	SANTA CLARA	430	8.17	43.43	0.00	0.00	6.88
	SOLANO	110	2.09	11.11	0.00	0.00	1.76
	SONOMA	1538	29.22	155.34	0.00	0.00	24.61
SV	FRESNO	99	1.88	10.00	0.00	0.00	1.58
	KERN	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	KINGS	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	MADERA	759	14.42	76.66	0.00	0.00	12.14
	MERCED	292	5.55	29.49	0.00	0.00	4.67
	SAN JOAQUIN	232	4.41	23.43	0.00	0.00	3.71
	STANISLAUS	129	2.45	13.03	0.00	0.00	2.06
	TULARE	47	0.89	4.75	0.00	0.00	0.75
SV	BUTTE	193	3.67	19.49	0.00	0.00	3.09
	COLUSA	59	1.12	5.96	0.00	0.00	0.94
	GLENN	838	15.92	84.64	0.00	0.00	13.41
	PLACER	287	5.45	28.99	0.00	0.00	4.59
	SACRAMENTO	4	0.08	0.40	0.00	0.00	0.06
	SHASTA	287	5.45	28.99	0.00	0.00	4.59
	SOLANO	90	1.71	9.09	0.00	0.00	1.44
	SUTTER	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TEHAMA	227	4.31	22.93	0.00	0.00	3.63
	YOLO	1073	20.39	108.37	0.00	0.00	17.17
	YUBA	200	3.80	20.20	0.00	0.00	3.20
TOTAL		14611	277.62	1475.67	0.00	0.00	233.74

Fraction of Reactive Organic Gases (FROG): .7218
 (Reactive Organic Gases (ROG) Emissions = TOG X FROG)
 Fraction of PM10 (FRPM10): .8800
 (PM10 Emissions = PM X FRPM10)

Table III
1991 Area Source Emissions
Activity: Unspecified Activities
Process: Wild Fires
Entrainment: Solid Material Combustion
Dimn: Timber & Brush
CES: 47316
Process Rate Unit: Acres

AB	County	Process Rate	TOG Emis. (Tons / Year)	CO Emis. (Tons / Year)	NOX Emis. (Tons / Year)	SOX Emis. (Tons / Year)	PM Emis. (Tons / Year)
GBV	ALPINE	55	10.31	107.25	1.65	0.00	17.33
	INYO	40	7.50	78.00	1.20	0.00	12.60
	MONO	57	10.69	111.15	1.71	0.00	17.96
LC	LAKE	485	90.94	945.75	14.55	0.00	152.78
LT	EL DORADO	33	6.19	64.35	0.99	0.00	10.40
	PLACER	4	0.75	7.80	0.12	0.00	1.26
MC	AMADOR	93	17.44	181.35	2.79	0.00	29.29
	CALAVERAS	60	11.25	117.00	1.80	0.00	18.90
	EL DORADO	310	58.13	604.50	9.30	0.00	97.65
	MARIPOSA	171	32.06	333.45	5.13	0.00	53.87
	NEVADA	34	6.38	66.30	1.02	0.00	10.71
	PLACER	13	6.38	66.30	1.02	0.00	10.71
	PLUMAS	290	54.38	565.50	8.70	0.00	91.35
	SIERRA	27	5.06	52.65	0.81	0.00	8.51
	TUOLUMNE	114	21.38	222.30	3.42	0.00	35.91
	DEL NORTE	118	22.13	230.10	3.54	0.00	37.17
NC	HUMBOLDT	137	25.69	267.15	4.11	0.00	43.16
	MENDOCINO	154	28.88	300.30	4.62	0.00	48.51
	SONOMA	2327	436.30	4537.60	69.80	0.00	733.00
	TRINITY	1543	289.30	3008.79	46.28	0.00	486.03
	MONTEREY	347	65.60	676.65	10.41	0.00	109.31
NCC	SAN BENITO	53	9.94	103.35	1.59	0.00	16.70
	SANTA CRUZ	35	6.56	68.25	1.05	0.00	11.03
NEP	LASSEN	77	14.47	150.50	2.31	0.00	24.31
	MODOC	716	134.25	1396.20	21.48	0.00	225.54
	SISKIYOU	1149	215.43	2240.55	34.47	0.00	361.93
SC	LOS ANGELES	272	51.00	530.40	8.16	0.00	85.68
	ORANGE	4	0.75	7.80	0.12	0.00	1.26
	RIVERSIDE	416	77.96	810.84	12.47	0.00	130.98
SCC	SAN BERNARDINO	1634	306.33	3185.91	49.01	0.00	514.64
	SAN LUIS OBISPO	362	67.88	705.90	10.86	0.00	114.03
	SANTA BARBARA	697	130.69	1359.15	20.91	0.00	219.56
	VENTURA	597	111.90	1164.10	17.90	0.00	188.00
SD	SAN DIEGO	1471	275.81	2868.45	44.13	0.00	463.37
SED	IMPERIAL	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	KERN	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	LOS ANGELES	64	12.00	124.80	1.92	0.00	20.16
	RIVERSIDE	1392	261.02	2714.63	41.76	0.00	438.51
SF	SAN BERNARDINO	397	74.52	775.00	11.92	0.00	125.19
	ALAMEDA	6	1.13	11.70	0.18	0.00	1.89
	CONTRA COSTA	29	5.44	451.70	0.87	0.00	73.00
	MARIN	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	NAPA	8	1.50	15.60	0.24	0.00	2.52
	SAN MATEO	1	0.19	1.95	0.03	0.00	0.32
	SANTA CLARA	31	5.81	60.45	0.93	0.00	9.77
	SONOMA	1606	301.25	3131.50	48.17	0.00	505.85
SJV	FRESNO	81	15.19	157.95	2.43	0.00	25.52
	KERN	130	24.38	253.50	3.90	0.00	40.95
	KINGS	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	MADERA	35	6.56	68.25	1.05	0.00	11.03
	MERCED	5	0.93	9.75	0.15	0.00	1.57
	SAN JOAQUIN	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	STANISLAUS	61	11.44	118.95	1.83	0.00	19.22
	TULARE	153	28.76	299.13	4.60	0.00	48.32
	BUTTE	105	19.69	204.75	3.15	0.00	33.08
	COLUSA	42	7.88	81.90	1.26	0.00	13.23
SV	GLENN	101	18.94	196.95	3.03	0.00	31.82
	PLACER	3	0.56	5.85	0.09	0.00	0.95
	SACRAMENTO	00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	SHASTA	1199	224.81	2338.05	35.97	0.00	377.69
	SOLANO	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	SUTTER	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TEHAMA	195	36.56	380.25	5.85	0.00	61.43
	YOLO	138	25.88	269.10	4.14	0.00	43.47
	YUBA	31	5.81	60.45	0.93	0.00	9.77
TOTAL		19708	3699.96	38867.80	591.83	0.00	6278.70

Fraction of Reactive Organic Gases (FROG): .7218
 (Reactive Organic Gases (ROG) Emissions = TOG X FROG)
 Fraction of PM10 (FRPM10): .8800
 (PM10 Emissions = PM X FRPM10)